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1. The only action of note was in the Savannakhet-Seno area. A FU recon unit (probt Bns) encountered on 12/31 main body of VM (3-4 Bns) 35 kms northeast of Seno. French elements reinforced, an engagement continued until 1/10 when VM disengaged. Both sides suffered "considerable" losses -- VM: 200 bodies counted, 3 HMG, 15 LMG, 40 sub MG and 200 rifles left by VM; French casualties/material losses unlisted. Quality of VM resistance considered impressive by French. VM now believed to be regrouping and to be reinforced by 300 troops. ARMA Saigon believes French have capability of clearing out area, opening N-S supply route anytime they choose.

2. OOB

	<u>FU</u>	<u>VM</u>
DBF	12 Bns Inf 5 Arty Bns	18/19 Bns Inf -- by 1/15 9 additional Bns plus 4 Arty Bns
Sav- Seno	* 21 Bns Inf (5 Pacht) 2 Bns Arty 24 armed cars	6/7 Bns Inf
	* 3 additional Bns Inf from South may have arrived, if not, due presently.	
Delta (inside)	19 mobile Bns (1 Pacht)	unchanged
Delta (outside)	- - - - -	unchanged

3. G-2 EMFIT will not confirm VM 37 mm AAA anywhere in Indochina.

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